

BRIBERY CONSPIRACY CASE FALTERS

Baseball Star's Future Dim

Blue Shield Too Free With Pay?

Chiropractor Will Return Unearned \$33

From ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rep. Don Pears (R-Buchanan) called for further investigation into Blue Shield after saying that a chiropractor in his district had been paid for a claim that was never submitted. Pears said the chiropractor voluntarily turned over the check to him. "The check (\$33) was dated Jan. 15, 1970, and shows four different treatment dates for the alleged recipient of such treatments in September, 1969," said Pears.

SECOND INCIDENT

He declined to identify the chiropractor. Pears related that the chiropractor also had received an \$8 Blue Shield check in 1968 for a claim he never filed. That check was returned unearned, Pears added, saying the chiropractor also planned to return the \$33 check.

"While this case certainly does not indicate fraud, it does point up apparent mismanagement, with Blue Shield participants having to help pay the shot for these and possibly other errors in the payment of unjustified claims," Pears said.

"The time for a thorough audit and investigation is right now if we want to correct this bad situation."

Blue Shield came under fire recently after a special senate committee headed by Sen. Charles O. Zoller (R-Benton Harbor) said an audit indicated some doctors in the Medicaid program were involved in "fraudulent practices."

The disclosures have produced indications that Michigan's \$35 million-a-year Medicaid contract may be up for grabs by midspring, despite changes now being made on the one held by Blue Shield.

R. Bernard Houston, state social services director, said Thursday that bids on the contract would be let on completion of a \$300,000 management consultant study of the Medicaid program. "That means an entirely new contract," he said.

State Budget Director Glenn S. Allen, Jr., would neither confirm nor deny Houston's assessment of the situation. "Let's wait until the study is over," he said.

GREAT DISSATISFACTION

Houston said the consultants (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

Rent a snowmobile Paw Paw G.C. Watervliet. Reserv. 463-3831.

14 Students Jailed In Rampage At MSU

EAST LANSING (AP)—Leaders of a student protest against Chicago conspiracy trial called a rally for noon today in the same downtown East Lansing area where demonstrators staged a window-smashing rampage Thursday night.

Fourteen youths—who State Police believe to be students at Michigan State University—were arrested in a confrontation with campus, city, state and county officers.

Ingham County sheriff's deputies said those arrested were to be arraigned today on charges which were not immediately announced.

An estimated 1,500 marchers hurled chunks of rock and metal—as well as snowballs—at police who blocked their drive on the East Lansing city hall Thursday night.

At least one policeman was stunned by a rock and

Water Tainters Put On Notice

State Firms Told To Clean Up Their Wastes

DETROIT (AP)—The State Water Resources Commission has served notice on polluters to start cleaning up.

Two of the biggest firms in the Detroit area avoided the commission crackdown by outlining plans for pollution control at Thursday's commission meeting.

Great Lakes Steel Corp. and Ford Motor Co. both promised to begin work as soon as possible to control pollution from their facilities.

Three companies, however, were threatened with court action unless they act immediately to conform with clean-water standards.

Jim Gilmore, an industry representative on the commission, recommended that the state attorney general seek an injunction to close the Trilex Corp. plant in Wayne unless the firm complies with antipollution regulations.

Commission investigators have

reported they have "exhausted all means" of seeking voluntary compliance with standards on disposal of cyanide, oil and wastes.

The commission also discussed seeking an injunction against the Hudson Plating Co. of Hudson unless its pollution control facilities are operational within six months. The family-run firm says that it has been unable to pay even for engineering studies.

The commission also threatened to close the Great Markwestern Packing Co.'s feed lot and slaughter house near Quincy unless water run-off from the lot is controlled. The State Air Pollution Control Commission has already prohibited the importing of cattle into the lot until means

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Tiger Ace McLain Suspended

Commissioner Cites Alleged Gambling Ties

NEW YORK (AP)—Denny McLain's once-bright baseball future was shrouded by the ugly spectre of scandal today following his suspension for what Commissioner Bowie Kuhn called "involvement in 1967 bookmaking activities and his associations at that time."

The 25-year-old Detroit pitching ace, who won 31 games in 1968 and 24 last season, was set down indefinitely Thursday, pending further investigation of the alleged indiscretion, after his second meeting with the commissioner in six days.

WORST BLIGHT

The suspension of the two-time Cy Young Award winner marked the worst blight suffered by baseball since the infamous 1919 Black Sox scandal, which resulted in lifetime bans for eight Chicago players for conspiring to fix the World Series against Cincinnati that year. McLain, the ace Detroit pitcher in baseball circles as a "Super Flake."

That means he is a non-conformist.

He has been criticized by writers for making controversial statements and then denying them. The Detroit club had to restrain him from stunting in an airplane.

He has been involved in controversies with teammates, writers and his employers.

One critic labelled him "Mighty Mouth." Others have called him a pop-off, boorish, condescending and irresponsible. "A million dollar arm and a 10-cent attitude," said one writer.

Once he was quoted as calling the Tigers a "country club team where everybody does what they want to." Accented with this statement, he said: "May God strike me dead if I said that."

He called Detroit "a beer and shot town."

McLain has disdained the attention—and even adulation—that often befalls a baseball hero.

"People are always tugging at my coat lapels, saying 'Do this' and 'Do that,'" he said after his 31-game winning season in 1968 which brought him the Cy Young Award, the Most Valuable Player designation and Athlete of the Year honors.

"The only time I can find any peace is when I get up in the clouds in a plane."

In a prepared statement following his lengthy meeting with McLain and his attorney, William Aiken, Kuhn said:

"I have decided on the basis of facts developed at these

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CALLS McLAIN OUT: Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn is interviewed by newsmen at his New York office Thursday after he suspended indefinitely Denny McLain, ace pitcher of the Detroit Tigers. "I have decided on the basis of facts developed at these conferences that Mr. McLain's involvement in 1967 bookmaking activities and his associations at that time leave no alternative but to suspend him from all organized baseball activities pending the completion of my review of his situation," Kuhn said. (AP Wirephoto)

Three Conflict Rulings Sought

Legislators Ask Review Of Own Interests

LANSING (AP)—The newly revived joint legislative committee on conflict of interest already has three cases before it — all brought by the members involved, says House Minority Floorleader William Hampton R-Bloomfield Hills.

The committee, enacted in 1968 and revived only last week by the House and Senate, is designed to review possible conflicts arising from the outside interests of the legislators.

"None of the cases we now have was brought by someone else," said Hampton, an attorney and one of six committee members. "All (reviews) were asked by the legislators involved."

Hampton refused to disclose names of those lawmakers, but the record appeared clear in two cases and a third was confirmed by Rep. Michael Dively, R-Traverse City.

Hampton said one case involved an attorney-legislator whose law firm represented

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Judge Says Evidence Lacking

Preliminary Hearing Held For BH Man

Judge John Hammond said at the conclusion of a preliminary examination Thursday in Fifth District court that the prosecution had failed to present evidence of conspiracy on the part of Frank Bovo, former Twin Cities bail bondsman.

Bovo, arrested Jan. 30, is charged with conspiring with another Benton Harbor man to bribe a Berrien county sheriff's officer. At the time of their arrests, police officials called it the first step in a crackdown on organized crime in the area.

MORE TIME GIVEN

Judge Hammond withheld a ruling on the charge against Bovo after yesterday's examination until March 3. In the meantime, he instructed Prosecutor Ronald Taylor and the defense attorney to file briefs by Feb. 26 on a question of whether it is necessary to prove the existence of a crime of conspiracy before testimony is admissible on a confession or statements by the defendant.

Bovo's lawyer, Ivan E. Barris of Detroit, entered a continuing objection to the testimony of the prosecution's lone witness, on the basis that it was necessary to prove first the crime was committed.

Sheriff's Det. Ronald Immoos was Taylor's only witness at the afternoon hearing. Earlier in the day, Judge Hammond recessed the examination until the afternoon to give the prosecutor time to call witnesses. Taylor said in the morning he had not called witnesses for the 9 a.m. scheduled hearing time because the defendant had not notified the court he had an attorney.

Judge Hammond sharply told the prosecutor that as a bondsman Bovo presumably was familiar with the advisability of having counsel.

Prosecutor Taylor said he was not trying to stall matters, but judging from experience he assumed the court would not proceed with examination of a defendant who lacked counsel.

Judge Hammond read into the record a statement of concern over the alleged crime. Speaking in general terms, he said, there are no true civil liberties where government officials are corrupt. And for organized crime to operate, there must be official corruption.

Of Bovo, Hammond said, "If he is guilty, it is a heinous crime. If he is innocent, he has the right not to stand tarred to the allegation."

In the afternoon, Detective Immoos testified Bovo gave him \$800 in bribes over the past six months in exchange for advance information on sheriff's department activities and for special favors from the deputy.

Immoos testified that Bovo told him the money came from Andrew Andrews, co-defendant in the conspiracy charges, to cover Andrews' alleged gambling operations. The deputy

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JUDGE HAMMOND



PROSECUTOR TAYLOR



FRANK BOVO

said he never discussed the matter with Andrews himself.

In several meetings with Bovo, all but two of them at the county courthouse, Immoos said he received instructions to clamp down on certain local gambling operations because, allegedly, they were competition for the Andrews' operation.

Another part of their understanding, Immoos testified, was that he would warn of impending raids so that "pigeons" could be planted, who would then plead guilty as charged.

Judge Hammond continued Bovo free on \$4,000 bond. Andrews faces examination on the conspiracy charge next week.

Attorney Barris, who is a partner in the Detroit law firm of Joseph Louisell, moved for dismissal of the case on the grounds the prosecution had failed to prove a conspiracy.

The purpose of yesterday's hearing was to determine if Bovo is to be bound over to circuit court for trial. If Hammond rules against the prosecution, Bovo would be set free.

Bond Issue Election April 6 In Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — The Bridgman board of education in a special meeting last night called a special election April 6 on a \$3,500,000 bonding proposition to finance a new senior high school.

Superintendent Gerard Keidel said the date has been approved by the Berrien county election commission.

Keidel said plans call for a school with a capacity of from 475 to 550 students. The board has an option to purchase a 46½-acre parcel of vacant land fronting East road near Lake street. The site for the high school is just south of the existing high school building.

The board has reported that if the bonding proposition is approved, the existing high school could serve

as a middle school for grades six through eight.

Following recommendations of a citizens' advisory committee, the board has agreed to finance the new

high school on a pay-as-you-go plan, said Keidel. The \$3.5 million in bonds would be issued in series as the money is needed, rather than all at once.

Keidel said that by this method of financing, the cost to taxpayers would not exceed by more than two mills, the district's current total tax levy. Also, by issuing bonds over a period of time, the tax base of the district would acquire more money as the Donald C. Cook nuclear electric generating plant near Bridgman nears completion.

The district now levies 27.548 mills. These include 22.898 mills for operating and 4.65 mills for debt retirement.

Keidel said no other business was transacted at last night's board meeting.

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Conspiracy 7 Only Between Acts

Wednesday morning a bedraggled jury of ten women and two men brought in a verdict sustaining in the main the federal government's contention that militant minorities actively plotted to wreck the Democratic national convention at Chicago two years ago.

The jury found the seven co-defendants not guilty of conspiring to riot, but declared five of them crossed the Illinois state line from various destinations with the intent of creating a disturbance. It purged the other two defendants on this second charge in the indictment.

The seven defendants already are serving contempt of court citations slapped against each of them and their two attorneys by Julius Hoffman, the federal district judge presiding at the trial. These penalties range from one to four years. Judge Hoffman gave the stiffest sentence to William Kunstler, the chief defense counsel.

Sentencing the five defendants on the jury's decision may not be handed down until next week. The maximum penalty is five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Conspiracy 7 has been the most dramatic trail since the Lindbergh kidnapping case in 1931, exceeding in its violence and news coverage the Communist conspiracy trial of 20 years ago which made Judge Harold Medina's name a household word.

Its court record of 20,000 pages of testimony, a parade of 193 witnesses and seven months of deliberation (including the first two months of legal maneuvering by the defense before the jury was impounded last September

30th) set a record. Most likely the cost of the trial establishes another target. This is about the only phase of the case which has not been written about in finite detail.

The trial originated as Conspiracy 8. Later it dropped by one number when Judge Hoffman ordered a separate trial for Bobby Seale, a Black Panther founder. Seale's lawyers cleared their client of association with the other defendants. No date for his trial is docketed.

It will be months, more likely years, before the dust settles on Conspiracy 7.

Appeals are being processed now against the jury's decision and Judge Hoffman's citations.

By the time the appeals reach the Supreme Court the defendants and their lawyers may have cut their hair or have it set different from the current hippy style. Conspiracy 7 is a symbol because it was two trials.

The one thrashed out before the jury was the question of whether or not the seven defendants agreed among themselves to sabotage the convention and then proceeded by separate routes to Chicago to activate their plan.

The evidence was clear that while in Chicago each of the defendants was whooping up one demonstration after another.

Also clear was that each of them was prominent in disparate movements, bearing individual titles, that are indelibly anti-establishment, anti to the point of being completely revolutionary.

The jury disagreed with the government's claim that the seven men were acting out a design of their own making. This finding apparently stems from evidence adduced in the trial that before the convention the defendants at the most were aware of one another by reputation only.

The jury did find that five of the defendants came into Chicago from separate destinations intent upon raising all the hell they could.

This much of the verdict is impossible to argue away because these men made it a point to inform the news media that they were going to Chicago to bend the convention to their wills by any means available.

The meaningful aspect of the trial is the defendants' effort to put the courts and the establishment itself on trial.

They and their lawyers sketched out the bizarre tactics to bait Judge Hoffman, a jurist known for running a tough court.

Hoffman kept his cool a lot better than the Chicago Bar Association's members thought he would.

Maybe he did rap them harder than necessary once the jury had been sealed off to deliberate on the evidence, but if nothing else, Hoffman should convince future militants about the right way and the wrong method in presenting their position to the country.

The defendants chose to move the street brawl into the court room.

Majority opinion in this country believes in more decorous behavior.

Even if, as his ultra left critics maintain, Hoffman's lengthy citations are an over reaction to a planned brattishness, some object lesson had to be drawn showing that one set of rules must apply to everyone.

The primary criticism of the trial is its prosecution under a federal statute of uncertain constitutionality rather than under the Illinois criminal code.

While rampaging in Chicago the defendants fractured a long string of Illinois criminal statutes, plus a like number of city ordinances.

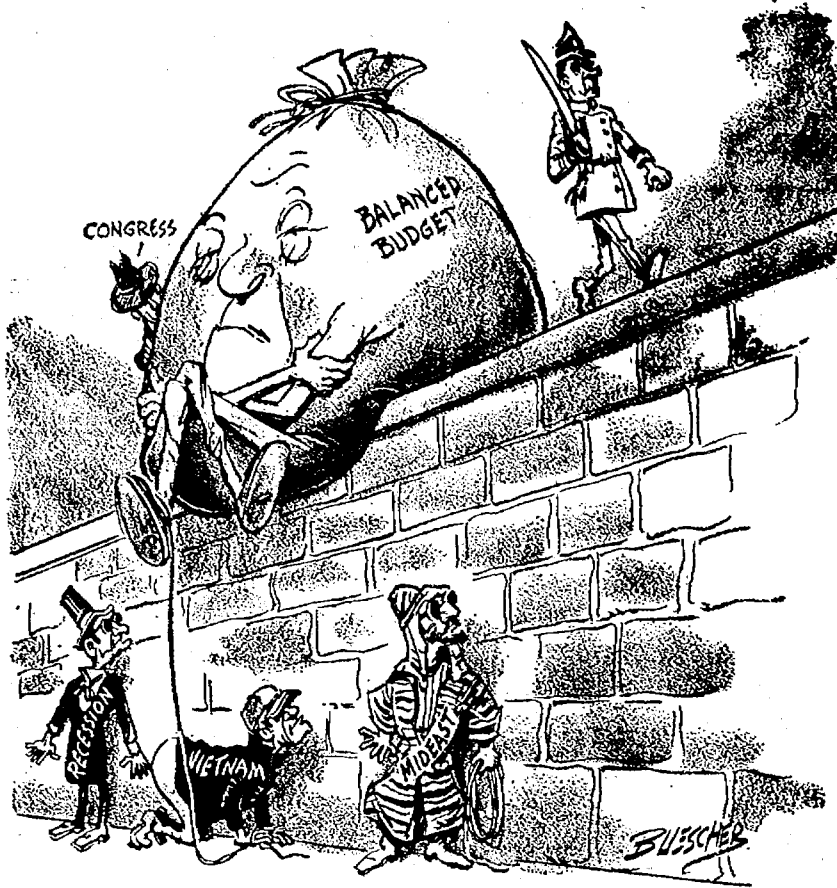
For some reason Washington prefers not to discuss, the Justice Department instigated a test case under what has been called the Rap Brown Act.

Calling up the cavalry, in manner of speaking, martyrs the defendants in the eyes of some people.

The same result obtained under comparable state laws on civil disturbances would put them down for what they are — punks.

Wisconsin has more miles of approved snowmobile trails and roads than Interstate Highway mileage.

Humpty Dumpty ---?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

WATER PACT SESSIONS SET

Harry Gast, Jr., Lincoln township supervisor, has announced two public information meetings will be held to discuss the proposed water service to the township.

Gast said a public water supply will be available through the water service contract with the city of St. Joseph. Terms of the contract were worked out by representatives of St. Joseph, the townships of St. Joseph and Lincoln and the villages of Stevensville and Shoreham.

PHONE RATE HIKE ASKED

Michigan Bell telephone company today filed new rate schedules which would increase the price of residence service here a dime a month and at the same time improve local service by enlarging the community's base rate area.

The proposed schedules, subject to approval by the state Public Service Commission, were submitted in Lansing in compliance with a recent commission order granting the company a revenue increase.

commenting on proposals for a Hawaiian air base said "numerous recent announcements of American projects to strengthen defenses may produce undesirable effects in forthcoming naval negotiations."

BREAKS RECORD

All records for the sale of automobile license plates at the branch office here were broken during a single day when 556 plates were sold, 100 more plates than on any previous day in the history of the bureau, according to George Haid, county treasurer.

NEW BOOKKEEPER

Miss Merle Smith has taken the position as bookkeeper in the office of the Hotel Whitcomb. Her place as cashier and bookkeeper in Freund Bros. market will be taken by Miss Grace Smith.

BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the village board was held last night to name a committee to meet with a committee from the Benton Harbor board to arrange minor details in connection with the proposed charter for the consolidated towns.

FARMERS WILL BE DEFERRED

A reaffirmation of congressional intent that essential farmers be deferred from the draft was written into manpower legislation today by the senate military committee.

Into a bill to strengthen the War Manpower Commission's authority to deal with manpower placement went an amendment which in effect emphasized that congress meant what it said when it adopted the Tydings farm workers amendment to the selective service law.

AIR BASE

A naval spokesman in Tokyo, commenting on proposals for a Hawaiian air base said "numerous recent announcements of American projects to strengthen defenses may produce undesirable effects in forthcoming naval negotiations."

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — Pentagon analysts have all but concluded that North Vietnam has drastically changed its war strategy, at least for the short haul. The change, if in fact it has been

made, may mean relatively smooth sailing for President Nixon's Vietnamization plan through most of 1970.

The most dramatic evidence of this possibility has been the virtual disappearance of North Vietnam's party secretary, Le Duan, in recent months. Le Duan is the North Vietnamese operator who went south in 1957 to lay the groundwork for the Viet Cong insurgency, which began in 1959. At every stage since, Le Duan has been the most powerful North Vietnamese advocate of escalation. When Ho Chi Minh died last year, Le Duan was widely considered the favorite for succession, and in the first month after Ho's death he did indeed seem to be running things.

The rest is silence. Le Duan has not been in public since last fall. And after a huge increase in the North Vietnamese infiltration rate, large numbers of enemy troops are no longer coming south. This reversal of the infiltration rate coincided with Le Duan's public disappearance.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

The Reptile Institute at Silver Springs, Fla., reveals alligators that don't have to scuffle for food have personality problems — they become fat, lazy, stupid and sick. Maybe so — but they still make dandy handbags!

Seven of the graduate students in Kansas State's department of family and child development are men! Just studying to become homebodies?

Sweden plans to establish movie mini-theaters, seating less than 100 people. Probably will show only short-films.

Come to think of it, an ideal future for a mini-theater might be "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

Our infant daughter was born without a normal ear on one side. We know that she can hear because she responds to noises. Our concern, of course, is the possible embarrassment it may cause her when she grows older. Is surgery in such cases successful?

Mrs. D.G.E., Ohio

Dear Mrs. E.: The condition that you describe is a birth abnormality known as microtia, which actually means "small ear." This imperfection is one that occurs very rarely in the complicated development of the ear, while the child is still in the mother's uterus.

It is gratifying to know that your daughter can hear because the presence of deafness and a deformed ear is a harsh burden to bear.

Dr. John M. Converse is the Director of the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery at the New York University Medical Center. He and his colleagues have carefully studied the causes of microtia and have devised many brilliant techniques for the reconstruction of the auricular, or outer ear. By careful planning and intensive study, a new ear can be virtually be reconstructed so that the cosmetic appearance is vastly improved.

The ideal time for surgery must depend on the judgment of your own surgeon because each case is an individual one. The rewards are great when reconstruction is done early before psychological embarrassment occurs. Girls have an added advantage because they can cover the ear with their long hair. (As I write this, it occurs to me that boys can do the same thing these days!)

In some instances, close cooperation is necessary between

the plastic surgeon and the ear surgeon to restore hearing when there is an associated deafness. The Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery is one of the many that devote themselves to newer surgical techniques and to a greater understanding of the psychological and social aspects of reconstructive medicine.

I have never read an article in your column of how nerves can affect breathing. When I am nervous, I breathe rapidly and get very dizzy.

Mrs. L.L.D., Rhode Island
Dear Mrs. D.: There are few, if any, medical conditions in the body that are not in some way related to or affected by the mind. It is not uncommon for people to overbreathe, or sigh, taking in deep breaths during periods of emotional stress. Dizziness, light-headedness and tingling sensations of the hands and feet frequently occur. If it continues without interruption, a condition of tetany (not tetanus) sometimes occurs, producing severe spasms of the hands and fingers. The gentle balance between oxygen and carbon dioxide in the lungs is disturbed during overbreathing and is responsible for many such unusual changes. If such a condition continues, it is wise to see the guidance of your own physician, and perhaps psychological help, at his recommendation.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Children must be taught (not forced into) good bathroom habits.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of this column, "Alcoholism — A Family Disease." It probes this grave problem and offers hopeful advice. For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

South West North East
1♣ 2♣ 3♣ 4♣

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠KQJ1087 ♥A63 ♦942 ♣5
2. ♠KJ882 ♥QJ763 ♦A ♣K7
3. ♠K874 ♥983 ♦AQJ85 ♣—
4. ♠AQJ1083 ♥K72 ♦AK4 ♣8
5. ♠AKJ52 ♥K784 ♦KQ93 ♣—

1. Two spades. Possibly you would not have opened the bidding with only 10 high-card points—though you should with six playing tricks — but once you do you have an obligation to reject partner's penalty double. Partner is presumably counting on you for the normal complement of about 14 high-card points and three defensive tricks, and your hand is clearly below par from that standpoint.

It is therefore advisable to bid two spades and thus notify partner that your opening bid was based on offensive, not defensive, values.

2. Pass. Here it is best to stand for the double — though you have distributional values that are still unexpressed — because your opening bid has its normal expectancy on high cards. There is a good chance of collecting a very fat penalty, since you have to K-x of trumps to fill out partner's length and

strength in clubs.
3. Two diamonds. This case is similar to the first one, in that your high-card values are short of those ordinarily associated with an opening bid. The runout in diamonds identifies the distributional nature of the hand as well as its limited highcard values. The void in clubs militates strongly against a pass. The more trumps you have, when partner makes a business double, the more pleased you should be to leave the double in, and of course the converse follows automatically.

4. Three spades. Game is almost certain and you should invite it by jumping to three spades. In fact, a slam is a distinct possibility. The chief reason for rejecting the double is that it is unlikely that the penalty you can collect by passing will compensate for the value of the game (or slam) and you can probably make.

In most cases it is best to respect a double in this sequence, but you should also firmly bear in mind that partner's double is a suggestion, not a command.

5. Three clubs. Here there is an excellent chance for a slam, and it would be wrong to accept the double. The void-showing cuebid suggests the slam and strongly urges North to set his sights on a high-level contract in any suit but clubs.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

The custodian of the perfume counter at a Fifth Avenue department store had her most reasonable request the other day. A shy retiring little lady told her, "All I'm looking for is a perfume that will make my husband put down his newspaper once in a while at the dinner table."

When that inimitable comic, Stuttering Joe Frisco, was doing his stuff in a nightclub owned and operated by Grace Hayes, tireless mother of Peter Lind Hayes, he thoughtlessly entered Miss Hayes' dressing room without knocking, and found her in the middle of making up her face. "Get out," she ordered him. Frisco took a parting look at the profusion of cream and lotions on the dressing table and remarked wonderingly, "All that s-s-stuff j-j-just to look f-f-fifty-five!"

Another evening Joe caught sight for the first time of the head of a big mouse mounted on the wall behind the Hayes Lodge bar. Deeply impressed, Joe figured, "He-in-m-must have been coming p-p-petty fast to c-c-come right through that wall!"

Society band leader Meyer



Davis was approached by a famous Hollywood star who wanted his great music for a wedding reception. "How many musicians do you think you'll want and how many guests are you expecting?" Davis wanted to know. "Just the immediate families," answered the star, "and, of course, my ex-husbands."

Factograph

Texas produces more sheep than any other state.

Paper money is an invention of the Chinese.

Talented Need Help

For too long, the talented child has been the orphan of the classroom. Bored by a lesson pace he bypassed long ago, unable to pursue his interests in advanced subjects, ignored or treated as a disciplinary problem by his teachers, the gifted pupil frequently drifts into trouble, not because he wants to, but because it is one of the few avenues open to him.

Many millions of dollars have been spent on special help for less talented youngsters, those who cannot keep up with their classmates. Little remedial help is available to the non-standard pupil at the other end of the scale.

Fifteen states have some sort of program for the gifted student, but few have progressed beyond the blueprint stage. All that could change in the years ahead if the Senate follows through on the gifted and talented children educational assistance act passed by the House of Representatives.

Not only did the House pass the bill by a unanimous 352-0 vote, but the bill provides a respectable \$29 million for the states and cities to help them provide opportunities for the gifted to develop their full potentials.

No nation has any resource greater than its inhabitants, and certainly the individual who has the ability to develop faster and further than the average should not be hindered by archaic educational processes.

Federal assistance will not provide the entire answer to the problem, but the bill passed by the House could go far toward alerting the nation to the needs of a special group of citizens.

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LIMIT ON WELFARE RECIPIENTS SUGGESTED



ARRESTED: Amos Peterson, 35, of 122 South Fair avenue (left), and William Horton, Jr., 39, of 265 South Fair avenue, wait in Berrien county jail for arraignment this morning on charges of possessing narcotics. The two were arrested yesterday by Benton Harbor and Benton township police. (Staff photo)

Police Raid Nets Drug Suspects

Substance Believed To Be Heroin Grabbed In Benton

A task force of 14 Benton township and Benton Harbor officers yesterday arrested two men on charges of possession of heroin.

Taken into custody in a car parked in an alley next to a pool hall at 153 North Fair avenue were Amos Peterson, 35, of 122 South Fair, and Willie Horton, Jr., 39, of 265 South Fair. A third man in the car was searched and released.

Township police Capt. Paul Farris said Peterson was found in the car with a rubber band around his arm and blood on the arm.

Confiscated from the car were three hypodermic needles, and a syringe, and two packages containing a small amount of a substance believed to be heroin, which were sent to the State Health department's crime lab for examination. Officers later searched Peterson's apartment and found several hypodermic needles.

Farris said the arrests were made about 5 p.m. after the men had been observed for several hours. The alley next to the Recreation club is in the township. Horton lives in the township and Peterson in the city.

Horton was sentenced in 1963 to 2-4 years in prison for violation of state narcotics laws after using a false name to buy paregoric at a drug store.



ATTY. RONALD SONDEE

Attorney Addresses Legislators

Concentration In Deteriorated Areas Increases Problems

LANSING — Legislators were asked Wednesday "to devise a way to limit the number of welfare recipients located in already overburdened political entities."

Atty. Ronald Sondee, executive director of the Area Resources Improvement council, Benton Harbor - St. Joseph, addressed a group of state legislators and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives conference.

Sondee said municipalities with the biggest welfare populations find their problems are compounded as more and more welfare families move in. "It's an inescapable fact that the bulk of welfare recipients receiving shelter allowances locate, or are located, in the most deteriorated areas of a community. It's easier to locate them there, because the least criticism results."

DWELLING APPROVAL
He called for legislation requiring certification on housing code compliance and approval by the local welfare agency on dwellings proposed for occupancy by welfare clients. The agency should appraise property to prevent payment of excessive rents to slum landlords at the expense of the taxpayer and community.

Sondee urged close study of home purchases by welfare clients. Purchase of substandard housing with welfare funds releases the former owner from responsibility of bringing the property up to code and puts the obligation on the welfare client who has no money to do it.

(A majority of the welfare load in Berrien county is located in Benton Harbor and Benton township. In the Model Cities area comprising a portion of the city and township, 65 per cent of the residential structures are substantially below minimum codes and 18 per cent should be demolished.)

Sondee said, "the workings of the welfare program are adding problems to the community at a much quicker rate than local agencies can cope with existing crises."

STANDARD PAYMENTS
He said there is no choice but to push for standardization of welfare payments nationwide. Michigan pays an average of \$195 a month for ADC families and Mississippi \$38 making the grass "a bit greener in Michigan."

"After seeing the effects of the continuing heavy influx of welfare recipients in our community and the state as a whole, we are absolutely convinced that state participation in any program that invites, recruits or encourages more dependent people to move here is totally untenable."

Sondee said many local governments with the greatest social problems are bordering on bankruptcy. Their woes are heightened by state requirements for more local expenditures without providing new means of producing local revenue.

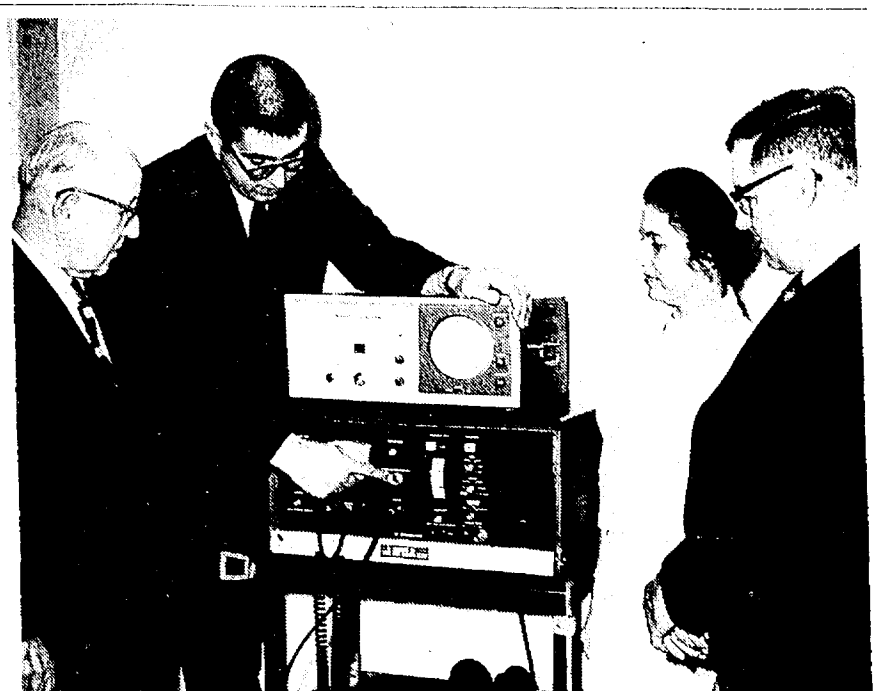
The state also should study the possibility of requiring more local revenue contributions by public housing projects of face continued deterioration of less wealthy school districts. Sondee noted one district (Benton Harbor) has about 1,000 public school students in public housing which pay about \$10,000 to the schools in lieu of taxes. The cost of education per child is \$709.

WATERVLIET

Junior Class Will Hold Carnival

WATERVLIET — The junior class of Watervliet high school will hold a carnival on Saturday from 4 to 9:30 p.m. The carnival will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Ted Atilla, chairman of the carnival, said various games and booths will be featured at the carnival and refreshments will be sold. Class advisors are Mrs. Leonard Krall and Mrs. Martha Wheeler.



LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT: Funds furnished by Twin City Camera club from its travel and adventure series have enabled Memorial hospital to purchase cardiac monitoring and resuscitative instruments like the equipment being demonstrated above. These units which are vital in treatment of heart cases are located in intensive care sections and at each nursing station. From left are Dr. Laverne Andrews, chairman of the series, Ray Wrona, Detroit, area representative for Electrodyne division of Benton, Dickinson and Co., Sharon, Mass.; Mrs. Evelyn Roche, Memorial nursing service instructor and Donald Doak, new president of the Twin City Camera club. The club raised \$17,441 for two Twin City hospitals. The monitoring and cardiac resuscitation systems cost \$8,291. (Staff photo)

Lenore Romney Leads As GOP Chiefs Meet

Looking For Senate Winner

By BOB VOGES
Associated Press Writer

LANSING (AP)—A lady leads the list as members of the Michigan Republican establishment meet at Lansing Saturday to cut down the field and find a winner to run against U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart, the Democratic incumbent.

The business of selecting the GOP candidate for U.S. Senate has become almost as complicated as the playoffs for the professional football title.

Mrs. Lenore Romney has the magic of her husband's name, reputation and following as a former governor, a one-time aspirant for the GOP nomination for the presidency and present cabinet post as secretary of housing and urban development.

SHREWDED POLITICIAN
She also is attractive, articulate and a shrewd politician in her own right.

Mrs. Romney told Gov. William Milliken she wanted to remain on the list of possible candidates "only because so many party members think my candidacy is necessary to unify the party."

This came after her husband withdrew his name in a personal note handed to Milliken. Romney has been known to change his mind in abrupt about face movements before—but most observers think he won't this time.

A prior GOP meeting at St. Clair narrowed the list to 26 names. Since then, Milliken has asked every candidate if he would like his name continued on the list.

As of today, there were ten

possibilities, including Mrs. Romney.

Milliken said he hoped to narrow the choice Saturday to the top three. Each candidate will be given 12 minutes to make a sales pitch.

The governor said he did not expect the final choice to be made until three weeks after the Saturday meeting, explaining he wanted the process "to be deliberate and slow."

Asked if he considered Mrs. Romney a "shoo-in," Milliken replied: "She is a strong candidate. There are several others too," he added, hedging his bet.

Rep. William Hampton, R-Bloomfield Hills, House minority floor leader, said after touring the state he has no doubt that Mrs. Romney is the favorite.

Not included on the governor's list of those under consideration is Sen. Robert Huber, R-Troy, a conservative who has been outspoken against the "consensus" method of selection.

Milliken, meanwhile, said he would ask that Huber be heard Saturday rather than at some subsequent meeting. The governor emphasized, however, that the decision on this will be up to the 335 assembled party leaders.

James F. O'Neil of Livonia, treasurer of the State Board of Education and a Ford Motor Co. executive, also has been vocally opposed to the party

naming a favorite son—or daughter—candidate.

O'Neil is in there pitching hard although he is given only an outside chance. He wired Milliken: "This is to correct the rumor that I would like to run for U.S. senator to state that I would love to run."

Rep. Philip E. Ruppe, R-Mich., from Hancock, has sent a wire withdrawing his name.

Another withdrawal Thursday was by Norman O. Stockmeyer of Westland, a Detroit real estate broker and president of the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Stockmeyer previously had been on the list of possible candidates.

Two promising candidates were eliminated earlier when Chief Justice Thomas E. Brennan of the State Supreme Court took himself out of the running and Michigan State University Professor Dr. Leroy Augenstein, a State Board of Education member, was killed in a plane crash.

Members of Michigan's congressional delegates are expected to be the best bets along with Mrs. Romney to survive the semi-finals.

AMBIGUOUS TELEGRAM

Rep. Guy VanderJagt of Cadillac remained on the list of finalists. He sent an ambiguous telegram saying because of uncertainties in the congressional schedule he was not sure if he could attend the meeting.

Rep. Donald W. Riegle Jr. of Flint relayed word by telephone he would attend.

Rep. Marvin L. Esch of Ann Arbor said he would have a message read to the group by a representative.

Rep. Jack H. McDonald of Ann Arbor also said a presentation would be made on his behalf by a representative.

Richard Headlee of Rosebush, a former president of the national Jaycees and operator of a real estate and housing company, remained on the list although he informed the executive office he was in Wyoming and could not return to Michigan until Sunday.

Robert Blackwell, Negro mayor of Highland Park, said he was in Florida but indicated he wanted his name to remain on the list.

Dean Baker of Ann Arbor, a Detroit construction executive, also remains on the list by his own request.

Milliken said in a statement that the intention is to narrow the list to three "through ballot" on which the delegates would not indicate their top choice but only the three they believe should be considered at a future meeting.

So the political cliff-hanger will continue.

SPEAKS TONIGHT

Spock's Visit To BH Like Old-Home Week

While the lecture appearance of Dr. Benjamin Spock in Benton Harbor tonight will be his first known visit to the community, he may have more personal friends and acquaintances in the Twin Cities than he realizes.

Dr. Spock, retired internationally known baby doctor who turned war critic in recent years, will speak in the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium at 8 o'clock tonight on the Lake Michigan college concert-lecture series. The event is open to the public, with \$1.50 tickets available at the door.

His appearance here is part of a fund-raising tour to aid draft objectors.

According to Warren Louis Bean, president of the sponsor-

ing LMC student senate, 17 persons have telephoned the student senate offices in the past week to identify themselves as personal friends, former college classmates and relatives of Dr. Spock.

Bean said most of the callers indicated they knew the doctor well and several wanted to invite him to their homes for dinner. Almost all, he said, seemed to be genuine friends and most related previous meetings and experiences with the doctor.

A special dinner and a social hour have been arranged from non-college funds for the guest lecturer and his friends at the LMC student union in advance of the lecture.

'Bud' Driver Named To UCF Post

Heads Industrial Solicitations

Bernard (Bud) Driver, general manager of the St. Joseph division of Whirlpool Corp., has been named to one of the top volunteer posts for the 1970 United Community Fund campaign.

Driver will be vice-chairman in charge of industrial solicitations. Last year, contributions from some 100 Twin Cities area industrial companies and their employees came to \$385,816, or 68 per cent of the UCF campaign total of \$567,498.

The announcement of Driver's acceptance of this UCF post was made today by Charles W. Johnson, United Fund general campaign chairman.

Driver, who was appointed to his position at Whirlpool's St. Joseph division a year ago, has worked for the company for 13



BERNARD DRIVER

years. Previously, he was vice-president of manufacturing for Heil-Quaker Corp., a Whirlpool subsidiary in Lewisburg, Tenn., for three years.

His earlier jobs with Whirlpool include three years as product manager in Sears sales for the Whirlpool laundry group in the Twin Cities and six years as manufacturing process engineer for the Whirlpool division in Clyde, Ohio.

Driver also has held process engineer positions in Richmond, Ind., with the Crosley division of Avco and International Harvester Corp. He is a native of Richmond.

Driver was a member of the United Fund board of directors and was on the executive board of the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts. He also was active with the Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce and helped to organize Teen Town, a community project for teen-agers. He was a member of the Rotary Club there and currently is a member of the Twin Cities Rotary Club.

Driver and his wife, Barbara, reside at 1510 St. Joseph circle, St. Joseph.

Airport Leaders Seek Funds

Chairman John P. Banyon and Treasurer Joe Carver will attempt to find \$60,000 so Twin City Airport board can construct new T-hangers to rent to private plane owners.

The two members of the airport board agreed to take on the fiscal task yesterday as the Twin City Airport board mapped expansion plans. Included in the airport's master plan is the construction of more than a score of hangars so private plane owners can store their craft inside.

RESTAURANT PROJECT

The board turned down a request by Joe Aroney of St. Joseph who wanted to convert the pilot's lounge in the new Ross field terminal into a restaurant. But board members said they hoped someone would build a restaurant at the airport and said they would help any developer any way they could.

The board approved transferring building leases from Cramer Aviation to a new corporation, LSA, Inc. of Benton Harbor. Gene Cramer is an executive in both firms.

The board viewed film of fire fighting equipment by a representative of Ansul Co. of Indianapolis, Ind.

SURGICAL PATIENT

BLOOMINGDALE — George Hathaway of Jephtha Lake is a surgical patient at Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo, where he is being treated for a leg fracture he received in a snowmobile accident.

Lakeshore Chamber Seeks New Members

Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce has launched a membership drive designed to sign up every businessman in an area from Hilltop road to Baroda, chairman Paul Smith said today.

Smith said chamber officials feel this area, because of its growth, will need the help and leadership of the business community to show the most effective growth results. "It is necessary to receive 100 per cent cooperation from the area businessmen in order to carry out the functions of the chamber," he said.

There will be a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the Snow Flake motel conference room.

Monday Will Be Legal Washington Birthday

Today is the last banking day until Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Banks will be closed Monday because of Washington's birthday which falls on Sunday, making Monday the legal holiday.

Twin City banks are open regularly on Friday evenings until 6 o'clock. This week that's the last chance until Tuesday morning.

Savings and Loan institutions also will be closed Monday along with post offices, municipal and federal offices. The closings include Berrien county courthouse, St. Joseph city hall, Benton township offices, draft board and Social Security.

Benton Harbor city hall will be open, but Fifth District court located there will be closed.

Independence For Oakland Put On MSU Agenda

EAST LANSING (AP)—Michigan State University trustees met informally Thursday night and decided to place the question of independence for Oakland University at its March agenda.

Oakland, headquartered at Rochester, was established in 1957 and has existed as an MSU satellite.

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THOUSAND MEN TO WORK ON ATOMIC PLANT



HAIL THE HERO: Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman greets some of the several hundred elementary school children who crowded sidewalks on the campus of Hope College Thursday to see him.

Col. Borman received an honorary doctor of science degree from Hope college. He was greeted as sophomore "Class hero." (Tom Renner photo)

I&M Will
Push Job
In Spring'Knothole' Planned
For Spectators
On Nearby Bluff

A thousand men will be working on the \$300 million Donald C. Cook nuclear plant this summer, and sidewalk superintendents can watch construction progress from a unique "knothole" on an adjacent high bluff.

John P. Banyon, Indiana and Michigan Electric company's Benton Harbor division manager and Jack A. Druckemiller, I&M administrative assistant, said the Cook Nuclear center, a visitors' building, will be open late this spring.

The announcements came yesterday at the sixth annual press dinner at Berrien Hills Country club.

RUSHING COMPLETION

The center is being rushed to completion, Druckemiller said, to give visitors a comfortable ringside seat to the spectacular panorama of the construction of one of the world's largest nuclear power plants.

The center will present animated shows on nuclear generation and ultra-high-voltage transmission.

The one-word assessment of I&M's operations in 1969 was "growth," Banyon said, all leading toward the continuing construction of the nuclear plant.

During the past year, Banyon said, an average of 500 workers has been engaged in plant construction. When the weather warms up 1,000 workers will push completion.

RECORD EXPENDITURES

Banyon noted I&M's expenditures for this year, a record \$158,000,000, is part of a record \$480 million by the seven companies that comprise the American Electric Power system. Banyon quoted AEP President Donald C. Cook in commenting on this huge construction investment in face of tightening business conditions. Cook said: "Although this is a time when the nation is saddled with a severe tight-money situation and high interest rates, American Electric Power cannot neglect its basic commitment and responsibility to the public as a utility. It is essential that the people we serve have all the power they need, when and where they need it. To make this commitment a reality throughout the 1970's we must continue to plan and build today."

I&M added 920, new total electric homes, bringing the division total of 9.25 per cent or roughly one out of ten homes. Annual kilowatt use per residential unit hit a record 8,722 kilowatts — well above the national average.

LARGE SUBSTATION
The Benton Harbor division constructed a \$2 million, 400,000 kilowatt substation west of Coloma, largest in the division and substantially bolsters the area power supply.

A \$7 million, 345,000 volt transmission line linking the Olive station, South Bend, Ind., with Palisades station of Consumers Power has been added.

The new extra-high-voltage ties with Consumers Power Co. are part of a multi-million dollar transmission line interconnection network that involves I&M, Consumers and Detroit Edison. It will link the major power systems in Michigan with those in Ohio and Indiana. This Michigan, Indiana and Ohio (called Mio loop) system is in its final stages of construction near Monroe.

NEW STATIONS
Banyon said new stations were installed at Lakeside and Three Oaks, New Buffalo and Bridgman and three stations built for Michigan Power Co. at Colby, Murch and Alameda.

Transformer capacity has been increased to provide more power at Niles, he said.

A 75,000 kilowatt station is on the drawing boards as I&M plans to provide more power for St. Joseph's industrial Edge-water district and industries in Benton Harbor.

The newsmen previewed a film, "Interstate 765" which spotlights AEP's 1,200-mile, 765,000 volt-transmission, the nation's largest interstate network for the bulk transmission of electric power.

OFFICER RETIRING
EAST LANSING (AP)—State Police Lt. Emmett Bradley, 55, assistant commander of the Traverse City District, is retiring this week after completing nearly 33 years of service.



BRIEFING NEWSMEN: John Banyon (seated, left) told area newsmen at firm's 6th press dinner last night at Berrien Hills Country club 1,000 workers will be working on the Donald C. Cook Nuclear plant this summer. Cook Nuclear Center from which construction progress can be observed will be open this spring. Looking over the outline are, standing from left: Publisher Richard M. Rosga, Bangor Advance; Publisher Gordon E. Banasik, Watervliet Record; Tom Renner South Haven correspondent for this newspaper and Jack Druckemiller, administrative assistant for I&M. Publisher James R. Boughner, Galien River Gazette at Three Oaks, is seated next to Banyon. (Staff photo)

Bypasses Suggested
To Save Old Street

By RALPH LUTZ

Staff Writer

DOWAGIAC — Petitions signed by some 1,000 persons seeking construction of bypasses to carry traffic around Dowagiac were presented to State Highway department representatives last night by citizens who did not want Main street here torn up.

The occasion was a public hearing called by the highway department to sound out public opinions on its proposed plans to rebuild Main street. Many citizens want to preserve a four-block section of the street, the town's most picturesque residential section with a landscaped mall dividing traffic lanes and large old houses and other buildings and trees lining both sides of the street.

The section of Main street carries highways M-40 and M-62 through town.

250 ATTEND HEARING
About 250 persons attended the hearing at Union high school here.

Highway representatives told the group that no plans are in the works for bypasses. The department will improve Main street (M-40) to meet greater traffic volume unless the city officially objects.

Mayor James Burke said his council favors improvement of Main street, but with the retention of a landscaped mall, similar to the one in existence.

Most citizens who spoke favored leaving Main street alone, either for historic purposes and natural beauty, or in support of bypasses.

Some favored improving the street and renovating the sewer lines along it in the process.

C. Robert Adams, public hearings officer for the highway department, presided over the meeting. He said a transcript of opinions would be studied, but work probably would start unless city council changes its stand.

ALTERNATIVES
State alternatives include widening the street at outer edges by removing trees and leaving a mall; or removing the mall to acquire desired width with the removal of fewer trees. Another alternative is to do nothing, except general maintenance.

Adams said if the state did not rebuild the street, the city would have to foot the bill for improving sewer lines. Adams

said combined storm and sanitary sewer lines run along the street now. The State Water Resources Commission has ordered the city to separate these lines by 1977 or treat the total effluent. Adams said the cost of treating storm sewer water would be prohibitive.

The proposed project for Main street runs several blocks between Front and Lowe streets. Cost is estimated at \$330,000 for street work and \$60,000 for sewer installations. The familiar brick surface would cost \$30 a square yard, compared to \$6 a square yard for concrete.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Green, head of an Association for the Preservation of Main Street, presented the petitions. The association title does not pertain to historic interest in the street. The preamble to the petitions calls for bypasses for safety and convenience. It states further that the highway department cannot adapt any trunkline in the city to serve present and future traffic.

STILL POLICY
Mayor Burke last night said he polled his council and found that improvement of Main

street, with retention of a mall, is still official council policy. This policy first was adopted April 1, 1968, said Burke.

Hearing Officer Adams said bypasses could not be planned here now. He said for some time, the state has been planning a "lower tier" freeway through lower southern Michigan. This would parallel I-94 to the south of that freeway. Until the new freeway route is fully determined, bypasses are out of the question, said Adams.

Supporting the preservation of Main street for aesthetic reasons were representatives of local garden clubs and the Jaycees. They were joined by several teenagers who opposed the change.

Dowagiac Schools Superintendent Kenneth Reinke said his board supports bypasses to carry M-40 and M-62 away from schools for the safety of children.

Dale Lyons, representing Allied Manufacturing Corp., mobile home makers, favored bypasses to truck mobile units out of the city area easily.

Several Main street merchants favored improving the street, preferably by removing the mall.



LOYAL OPPOSITION: Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Green of Dowagiac, display petitions they said were signed by some 1,000 persons favoring bypasses around Dowagiac, rather than rebuilding of Main street. They represent Association for the Preservation of Main Street. (Staff photo)

Borman Calls Space
Push Vital To U.S.

By TOM RENNER

Hope College.

South Haven Correspondent
HOLLAND — Abandonment of the space program would be "catastrophic," Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman contended Thursday while addressing a special guest of the college's convocation on the campus of

Borman, commander of the Apollo spacecraft which circled the moon on Christmas eve in 1968, received an honorary doctor of science degree as the special guest of the college's sophomore class.

"We used the sea for 5,000 years before we really recognized sea power and it took 32 years of experience to realize the importance of air power; now some people want to forget about space after only eight years. If we abandon space now it would be catastrophic," he said.

NEW JOB

The astronaut will be leaving the space program in the summer to join a non-profit foundation headed by H. Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire industrialist who became front page news last Christmas in his attempts to deliver gifts to U.S. prisoners in North Vietnam.

He said he was confident that strong NASA leadership would reverse Congressional sentiment to cut space spending.

"We can continue for two years, but after that we'll need help," he said. "The space program is necessary to this country, not only in scientific exploration, but in helping relate to and solve our nation's social problems."

Col. Borman said he could foresee the day when a man is put on Mars and possibly leave the solar system.

NOT ON PLATEAU

"We'll see it in our lifetime," he predicted during a press conference. "Anyone who feels we have reached our space plateau has his head in the sand."

The astronaut was inclined to



FRANK BORMAN

discount the controversy which surrounded the Bible reading aboard Apollo 8 on Christmas Eve in 1968. He said that public reaction opposed to the reading and story of the creation comprised less than 100 letters as compared to supporting letters and petitions bearing the names of more than five million people.

Landowners
Awarded
\$13,900I&M Gets Two
More Parcels

The fifth of 12 power line right-of-way cases in north Berrien county closed Thursday in Berrien Probate Judge Ronald Lange's court with a \$13,900 award to defendant landowners.

A trio of probate court commissioners deliberated about five hours before making the award from Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. of Benton Harbor to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton C. Larsen of Forest Beach road, Watervliet, and Paul and Paul F. Zielke, and Mrs. Maria Nemitz, all of Route 2, Coloma.

The award lets I&M cross two adjoining idle farmland parcels on Coloma road near Kerlikowske road, Hagar township, with 138,000-volt power lines and two steel support towers.

Commissioners made the award between high and low damage appraisals of \$29,000 and \$4,320.

Though Mrs. Nemitz and the Zielkes were listed, the Larsens will be the prime award recipients because they bought or are buying the two parcels, according to Defense Atty. John Crowe of Benton Harbor.

He faced St. Joseph Atty. Carl Burdick in three days of trial this week.

Trials in Judge Lange's court are being held at a rate of one a week as I&M seeks to string a 138,000-volt line across north Berrien.

Pot Charge
Against GI
Dismissed

The possession of marijuana case against a 23-year-old Niles serviceman was dismissed Thursday by Berrien Circuit Judge Julian Hughes on motion of the prosecution.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Quentin Fulcher said Jefferson Raymond Ballow, III, of 409 Cedar street, already had spent six months in jail and is sought by military authorities.

Army communications list Ballow as a private absent without leave since last June 30.

Ballow had been charged with possessing marijuana last Aug. 20 in Niles township. Thursday he was ordered held by the sheriff for military authorities.

LAWTON

Meeting Due Monday
On Merger Promotion

LAWTON—The Lawton board of education will sponsor a meeting Monday for all persons interested in working to publicize the proposed merger between the Lawton and Paw Paw school districts.

Residents of both districts will vote on March 25 to decide if the two districts shall merge.

Monday's meeting will be held in the all-purpose room of the Lawton elementary school and will begin at 8 p.m.

Veteran Diplomat
To Speak At SMCFar Eastern Specialist Will
Describe New Policies

DOWAGIAC—Herbert Spivack, a U.S. State Department diplomat specialized in Far Eastern affairs, will be guest lecturer at Southwestern Michigan college's first spring cultural lecture at 8 p.m. next Thursday.

Spivack will speak on new directions in U.S. foreign policy in the arts building lecture hall on the campus here. The session is open to the public.

Wesley L. Muth, director of continuing education at SMC said the purpose of the lecture is two-fold. Muth said the first goal is to inform local citizens of new developments in foreign policy. The second point is to enable citizens to express their own viewpoints to those in policy-making decisions.

Arrangements for the speaker were made through the Southwestern Michigan college cultural committee.

Spivack here will examine changes occurring in U.S. foreign policy and interpret implications for the future. Contrasts

in present foreign policy with the past will be drawn in the light of recent Nixon administration statements, said Muth.

Spivack currently is diplomat in residence at Michigan State university. He also is speaking throughout the Midwest to relate new developments in foreign policy, while acquiring popular reaction to current policy.

Before his present assignment, Spivack served most recently as minister-counselor for political and economic affairs at the American embassy in New Delhi, India. He has served in Cambodia, Burma, Japan, Iran and Washington, D.C.